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East Timor, 3 February 1996

Your Excellence
Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali
The Secretary General of the
United Nations
New York - United States

Dear sir

We, the signatories of this letter, are the Timorese Youth Nationalist Movement. On behalf of the people of East Timor and the new generation of the five concerned political parties involved on the issue of East Timor namely, FRETILIN, UDT, APODETI, KOTA, and TRABALHISTA, we would like to express our sincere gratitude specially to your honorable the UN-SG Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali and the whole international community, who are constantly aware of the struggle for Independence of the People of East Timor.

To us, the Timorese, peace, love and liberty are priorities of our struggle. As such, the long-stand repudiation by the Indonesian government to settle the Timor issue according to international law, shows THE CURRENT REGIME (UNDER SUHARTO'S MILITARY DICTATORSHIP) UNWILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH THE NATION'S OWN PRINCIPLE STATED IN ITS 1945 CONSTITUTION (PREAMBLE) which explicitly asserts the inalienable right to Independence of East Timor. That, INDEPENDENCE IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY NATION AND COLONIALISM SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM THE EARTH, BECAUSE IT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH JUSTICE AND HUMANITY.

The intervention by the Indonesian Armed Forces on 7 December 1975, followed subsequently by the invasion, annexation and the tyrannic oppression toward the East Timor people, a week after the latter proclaimed their Independence (28 November 1975) through the leading political party FRETILIN, can be cited as a living proof of the above statement.

Based on that, we are committed to defend our Independence, upholding the United Nations Resolutions on East Timor and promoting the degree of eminence of the body in the international fora. By this we mean, promoting Self-Determination, upholding the values of Human Rights according to Universal standards and by recognizing the Geneva Convention of 1949, meaning we are in support of every effort to reach a comprehensive and internationally acceptable solution on East Timor.

Another proof of Indonesian rejection to comply with international resolutions was the planned INTEGRATION by force on a group of East Timorese comprising several passive members of UDT, APODETI, KOTA and TRABALHISTA who, in 1975, were taking refugee along the border of Nusa Tenggara Timur and East Timor, while seeking political protection.

As the consequence of its duplicity to comply with International

law Indonesia has been, so far, unwilling to exercise the so-called REFERENDUM in line with the common decolonization process based on international law. Instead Indonesia continues to spread false propaganda lying the international community, as the later are oblivious, that INTEGRATION is the only way for our people and referendum is worthless.

The truth of all is that, Suharto has launched its NEOCOLONIALISM regime through an iron dictatorship resembling his long standing ambition whether geographically, politically and economically to acquire those small resource rich countries such as East Timor by force. Twenty years of Indonesia's occupation of our territory followed by the subsequent slaughtering of more than 200.000 Timorese has left many to be learnt. Therefore, we are and we will continue to insist the United Nations, Portugal and Indonesia to hold a FAIR REFERENDUM based on international law in East Timor. This is to give our people a chance to have their say regarding the sake of their nation and to recognize their existence as a nation.

We strongly reject any form of argument which tends to judge Indonesia's shameful DEVELOPMENT as a reason to legalize the existing INTEGRATION BY FORCE. We reassert that we have nothing to do with Indonesia's shameful development in our homeland. We believe that the right to Independence has nothing to do with development because SELF-DETERMINATION IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO ALL HUMAN BEING INCLUDING THE EAST TIMORESE.

We welcome all international efforts, specially the All Exclusive Intra-Timorese Dialogue (AETD), to contribute to the solving of the so-called East Timor question under the auspices of the United Nations. Despite the dialogue itself, due to Indonesia's request, is limited from touching political matters, we believe that progressive steps are taking place. THE TIMORESE YOUTH NATIONALIST MOVEMENT and the whole people of East Timor, believe that only the concerned international body could materialize what our people aspire for.

For the above reason, we call upon the UN-SG Your Honorable Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali, together with The distinguished Mr YAGUSHI AKASHI to continue facilitating chances among the Timorese to solve the Timor question, because only the Timorese could understand and solve their own problem. Therefore, we strongly recommend the upcoming AEDT meeting which is planned to take place in Vienna on March 1996 should involve other potential names who, we believe, could contribute more to the solving of our issue. They are:

1. Antonio Joao Gomes da Costa -MAUHUNO- (Former FALINTIL Commander)
2. Manuel Carrascalao (A Human Rights activist in East Timor)
3. Avelino Coelho da Silva (A Rising Intellectual)
4. Herminio da Costa da Silva (Former Campaign-Secretary for APODETI)

5. Ir Helder Da Costa MAgr (A Rising Intellectual)
6. Saturnino Ricardo Freitas (Informal Leader)
7. Frederico Almeida Santos da Costa (Former founder of APODETI and presidium member)
8. Abel da Costa Belo (Former Founder of APODETI and presidium member)

We the TIMORESE YOUTH NATIONALIST MOVEMENT on behalf of the people of East Timor come to assure Your Honorable the UN-SG, Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali, that all the names listed above are potentials to help and contribute to both the government of PORTUGAL AND INDONESIA to reach a Just, Peace and Acceptable solution on the question of East Timor under your respectable auspices.

Due to the above reasons, through this opportunity, we would like to appeal to Your Honorable the UN-SG, Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali, that in order to uphold the seventh round talk on East Timor between Portugal and Indonesia, it is imperative to consider the following points:

1. In order to implement the outcome of every AEDT round talks, it is necessary to establish an international body in East Timor to observe, supervise and coordinate the concerned activities (social, economy, political and cultural). The above mentioned body should be independent and able to work with both parties, Indonesia and Portugal, leading to a confidence measure building under the auspices of the United Nations.

2. To establish an Educational and Cultural Foundation under the umbrella of the United Nations to help managing all educational process (from the primary education to the tertiary level) together with the Catholic Church and/or the Diocese of Dili.

3. The United Nations need to conduct further inquire on all unaccounted victims slaughtered by the Indonesian Armed Forces (ABRI) from 1975 to 1996, including the five Australian journalist who were brutally murdered by ABRI in BALIBO (They were there, at the moment, to cover Indonesian invasion on East Timor 7 December 1975), as it is in line with the United Nations Resolution No 39/46 dated 10 December 1984. We recommend the UN, for this case, to work together with the Diocese of Dili and the ICRC in East Timor. This is to insure the credibility of such a report as it:

- provides the real evidence on the truth situation of those who have died since the Timorese proclaimed their independence in 28 November 1975;

- and those who uphold the United Nations' resolutions by

showing their great respect towards the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognized by the international community.

Due to the above reasons, and in order to accentuate the ten points sent to Your Honorable SG-UN, Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali, prior to this statement regarding "Comprehensive Settlement on the East Timor Question", THE TIMORESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT hereby declare:

1. A decolonization process hold by the UN and Portugal as the administrative power following the statement made before the UN, Chapter XI and the UN resolution No 1514 (XV) dated 12 December 1960, should take place as soon as possible in East Timor.

2. As a member of the UN, Indonesia should be forced to uphold and implement, without condition, the following:

- The UN resolution No 3485 on East Timor, 12 December 1975;
- The United Nations Security Council's resolution on East Timor No 384, 22 December 1975 and above all;
- The independence of East Timor, as the latter subscribes to the preamble of Indonesia 1945 Constitution.

3. Indonesia should release, without condition, all political prisoners and handing them over to the UN through the ICRC - Geneva, and the Catholic Church in East Timor.

4. The UN should establish a Multi National Force to oversee the decolonization process in East Timor, which would be held by Portugal as the internationally recognized administrative power, under the supervision of the United Nations.

5. The UN should establish an Auto-Commissariat in the territory and allow Portugal to serve as the country responsible for the whole process of decolonization.

6. The establishment of a representative Legislative Body comprising members of all concerned political parties such as FALINTIL - CNRM, ASDT (FRETILIN), UDT, APODETI and Human Rights Activists.

7. A referendum should be held by the UN and Portugal together with the above mentioned Legislative Body in accordance with an accepted Constitution. Indonesia is requested, without condition, to withdraw its Armed Forces and all its citizens from East Timor prior to the referendum.

8. The establishment of an International Arbitration Body to take over matters opposing International law. In this case Indonesia is requested to be responsible for its grave violation on human rights in East Timor and the massacre of more than 200.000 Timorese.

9. In case Independence is the option for the majority of the population, it is necessary that either a Multi National Force will be asked to continue its mission during the first 25 years or, an international insurance should be applied in line with the spirit of both, the UN Security Council Resolution No 384 (1975) and resolution no 389 (1976).

10. Finally, we call upon the UN and the international community to force Indonesia whether politically, economically and militarily, requesting the country to uphold and honor the UN resolutions regarding Self-Determination of the people of East Timor, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights 12 December 1948 and the Geneva Convention 1945.

The above statement must be interpreted as a "Political Revindication" of THE TIMORESE YOUTH NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. We Hope Your Honorable the UN-SG, Mr Boutros Boutros Ghali, the distinguished Mr YAGUSHI AKASHI, to consider all points made in this statement as it aiming to achieve an HONEST, JUST and PEACE solution on EAST TIMOR under the auspices of the United Nations.

CC: Your Excellence;

1. The President of the Republic of Portugal
2. The President of the United States
3. The President of the Republic of Austria
4. The Prime Minister of Japan
5. The Prime Minister of Australia
6. The President of European Parliament
7. The Minister of Foreign Afairs of the Republic of Indonesia
8. Mrg. Carlos Filipe Belo SDB (Bishop Titular Lorium)
9. The International Press Community.

President of East Timorese
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(CRISTOVÃO)

2. AINARO

(BRIGIDA)

3. BAUCAU

(ABILIO)

4. BOBONARO

(Simão)

5. DILI

(M. LOLA)

6. ERMERA

(CAROLINA)

7. LIQUIÇÁ

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9. MANATUTO

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10. MALIANA

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11. OEKUSI

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12. SUAI

(JOÃO C.)

13. VIQUEQUE

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